

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Tonita Gurulé-Girón

COUNCILORS: David G. Romero
Barbara A. Casey
Vincent Howell
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT: Ann Marie Gallegos, Interim City Manager
Danielle Sena, Recorder
Esther Garduno Montoya, City Attorney
David T. Bibb III, Chief of Police

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr., asked for a moment of silence for all the victims from 9/11 and prayers for all our family, the community, leaders and for all the goodness in the world.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve the agenda as is. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes

Recorder Danielle Sena re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Meredith Britt spoke about a street light out in her neighborhood that has been burnt out for several months and advised she and her neighbors have called the City. Ms. Britt advised her City Councilor has called Public Works and nothing gets done and advised it seems like there should be a process that things get done that are that simple. Ms. Britt advised people are afraid due to an increase in homeless people, drug addicts, drug dealers and other criminals in her neighborhood. Ms. Britt advised another block over there's an abandoned house full of people and advised the house has no windows and doors don't shut. Ms. Britt advised she has been in touch with with Mayor, Interim City Manager, her Councilor, and people have gone to City council meetings about the house. Ms. Britt advised she has been in touch with the Police and Fire Departments due to the people starting fires in the backyard and the toxic fumes made a cloud over the neighborhood.

Ms. Britt stated, "If I were Mayor of a beautiful little City and if I were being investigated for crimes I didn't commit or ethical breaches I didn't commit by the Attorney General, I would step aside and let the City take care of business until the investigation is completed." Ms. Britt also stated, "I would explain to my constituents how I am innocent and why the Attorney General is investigating me, if I couldn't do that I would resign."

Interim City Manager Ann Marie Gallegos advised Council before she gets into the discussion items she failed to place the approved budget for the year 2020 in their mailboxes for review and any discussion items could be brought back to Mayor and Council at a later time.

Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón asked if that was the actual approval of the budget.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised it is the actual budget for 2020 by DFA.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón thanked Interim City Manager and her staff for completing the budget.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Resolution 19-48 for the participation in the local government road fund program match waiver which is administered by the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) in the amount of \$80,878.10.

Interim Public Works Director Danny Gurule advised he was seeking approval of resolution 19-48 which is the match waiver for the Call for Projects money. Interim Public Works Director Gurule advised the award letter won't be sent out yet but they wanted them to spend the money as quickly as possible and must have the match waiver to get it fully funded for the National and Bridge Street area.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised it was one of the projects that were funded by the emergency road improvement fund money and did receive funding for National and Bridge Street.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised they have been working on it since 2016 when they first applied for it.

Councilor Howell asked what the chances are of them getting the waiver.

Interim Public Works Director Gurule advised depending on how much money DFA has put aside and advised they got it when they applied for the MAP one and fully funded the Mountain View project.

Councilor Howell asked when would they know.

Interim Public Works Director Gurule advised he has by the end of the month to turn it in and they should be moving on it quickly because they want the money spent as quickly as possible in case a Calls for Projects comes out again next year so they could apply.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised historically they have had every single waiver approved.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

2. Resolution 19-49 assuring the City of Las Vegas supports a request for a one year extension to Project No. Sp-4-19(957) COOP grant due to weather delays.

Interim Public Works Director Danny Gurule advised he was seeking approval of resolution 19-49 for the COOP project which is West National and Keen Street due to weather delays and clearance. Interim Public Works Director Gurule advised they have the paperwork for signatures and should be starting in a couple of months but wants to start the Mountain View project first.

Councilor Howell asked if it was due to weather delays.

Interim Public Works Director Gurule advised it was weather delays and waiting on the clearance from different areas and are ready to go out for RFP.

Councilor Howell advised in a couple of months there will be a lot more inclement weather.

Interim Public Works Director Gurule advised they will start it and have until June to finish it and is confident they will finish it.

Councilor Howell advised we are projected to have a bad winter this year.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

3. Resolution 19-51, Recommendation to award Engineering Services to Molzen Corbin for Salazar/Romero Street.

Interim Public Works Director Danny Gurule advised he is seeking approval of resolution 19-51 to Molzen Corbin for engineering services on Salazar and Romero Street and once approved they can start on the plan and design. Interim Public Works Director Gurule advised it is lobby money and a start to finish project.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised it was Legislative money that was appropriated by the Legislature in 2019 and requested they start the project as quickly as possible.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

4. Resolution #19-50, 2021-2025 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) for the City of Las Vegas Senior Center.

Senior Center Manager Wanda Salazar advised she would review the ICIP plan for the Senior Program for 2021-2025 and did make changes to the center in Las Vegas.

Discussion took place regarding the changes and rankings to the ICIP plan for the Las Vegas, Pecos and San Miguel Senior Centers.

Councilor Howell asked what was the total dollar amount that is being requested on the Capital Outlay for Las Vegas.

Senior Center Manager Salazar advised in 2021 they are looking at \$1.2 million and when adding up 2021-2025 its \$3.4 million.

Discussion took place regarding how much they got from Capital Outlay before and by breaking down projects they hope to get the funding.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised before calling for executive session she wanted to for the record make a statement, "that Meredith Britt mentioned that she spoke to me in the past about her concerns, that is absolutely untrue, she has never spoke to me in the past but she has asked of me to give her a contract in the past, and to hire her for design and art projects which I have nothing to do with the actual contracts for the City of Las Vegas so I want to put that on the record and I don't appreciate people coming in here and lying."

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked Interim City Manager Gallegos if she ever contacted her.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised she didn't recall.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised okay that is for the record.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Interim City Manager Ann Marie Gallegos advised there was no need for executive session.

Councilor Casey asked before they adjourn if they would have additional agenda items for next week's meeting.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised yes, there would be a possibility of one to two more items and is looking at the Union contract for the Fire Department and a bid for the Senior Center parking lot.

Councilor Howell thanked the Mayor and Interim City Manager Gallegos for setting a date to speak to the Chamber of Commerce and hopefully it will go well.

Councilor Howell advised they have an exciting Chamber of Commerce board now and they will do a lot for the community.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised they are looking forward to it.

ADJOURN

Councilor Howell made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Casey and Councilor Ulibarri, Jr., both seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

Recorder Danielle Sena re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.



Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk